OBC certification by Delhi Government

720 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the OBC candidates settled in Delhi could not avail of the job quota promised by the Central Government in September, 1993 because the Delhi Government is unable tocertify that the individual belongs OBC; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken by the Central Government to pressurise the Delhi Government to make arrangements for certification without delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) The National Capital Territory of Delhi has not yet notified the list of OBCs for their territory. In the case of OBC candidates who have migrated from one State to another, the Government has issued instructions to all State Governments/UT Administrations on 8th April, 1994 for issue of OBC certificates to them. This order applies to the National Capital Territory of Delhi also. No report has been received, after the issue of these instructions, which would indicate that migrant OBC candidates are being denied the requisite eligibility certificate by the Delhi Administration.

(b) The Central Government has written to the Chief Minister of Delhi for expediting the identification and notification of the list of OBCs for Delhi.

Steps to protect Mal-Nourished Children

721. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is much progress in child survival and even after much emphasis on family welfare, about 63% children of the country are mal-nourished;

(b) whether it is a fact that not much progress has been achieved in removing the gender bias in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for these short comings; and

(d) what effective steps are being contemplated by Government to remove these short comings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): (*a*) According to the report of the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (1991-92) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 36.7%, 45.1%and 11.1% children in the age group of 1-5 years were found to have mild, moderate and severe malnutrition respectively.

(b) *and* (c) It is true that gender bias still persists not only in India but other countries also. The reasons for gender bias may be attributed to socio-economic factors still operating in a tradition bound society.

(d) Department of WCD in the Ministry of HRD is implementing the integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme aimed at improving the nutritional and health status of most vulnerable groups including pre-school children upto 6 years of age, pregnant and nursing mothers. As on 30-6-94 about 2.10 crore beneficiaries including 1.72 crore children and 0.38 crore pregnant women/nursing mothers were receiving services under the ICDS Scheme. In addition there is the Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP) and the Scheme of Creches/ Day Care Centres aimed at improving the nutritional/health status of children.

In so far as gender bias is concerned, education is the key to its removal. Deptt. of Education, Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports, Deptt. of Women and Child Development under Ministry of HRD are implementing several policies and programmes which in due course can reduce gender bias. The recent 72nd and 73rd Constitutional amendments provide for 33 1/2% reservation in all local and Panchayat bodies for women. This legislation represents a major step in empowering women and ensuring their participation in democratic institutions at grass-root levels,. All possible attempts are being made to encourage women to participate in every phere of developmental activities as equal partners.

विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिये आरक्षण का आदेश

722* **श्री दिलीप सिंह भूरिया** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार और केन्द्रीय भण्डार में "ग" और "घ" श्रेणी के पदों पर विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए 3 प्रतिशत आरक्षण के संबंध में कोई स्थाई प्रशासनिक आदेश हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) ऐसे विकलांग व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें सुपर बाजार और केन्द्रीय भण्डार के महा-प्रबन्धकों द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अब तक निबुक्त किया गया है ;

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.वी. तंगकाबालू) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं । सुपर बाजार तथा केन्द्रीय भण्डार में समूह "ग" तथा "घ" पदों में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को 3% आरक्षण दिए जाने के संबंध में कोई स्थायी प्रशासनिक आदेश नहीं है । भारत सरकार, गृह मंत्रालय, कार्मिक और ए. आर. विभाग का कार्यालय ज्ञापन संख्या 39012/6/77 स्थापना (एस.सी.टी.) सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के प्रतिष्ठानों सहित केवल भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों पर ही लागू होता है । तथापि, सुपर बाजार, कोऑपरेटिव स्टोर लिमिटेड, नई दिल्ली के कर्मचारियों के लिए बनाए गए भर्ती और पदोन्नति संबंधी नियमों में यह प्रावधान किया गया है कि शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के मामले में इसका विनियमन सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर जारी किए गए आदेशों के अनुसार किया जाएगा । जहां तक केन्द्रीय भण्डार का संबंध है, उन्होंने समूह "ग" तथा "घ" के पदों में विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए 3% आरक्षण संबंधी सरकारी आदेशों को नहीं अपनाया है ।

(ग) से (ङ) चूंकि भर्ती पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा हुआ है अतः पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान कोई भर्ती नहीं की गई है । इसलिए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

12.00 NOON

REFERENCE

Re. Demand to withdraw Action taken Report on JPC Report on Security Scam—*contd.*

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : सदर साहिबा, हमारी गुजारिश है कि ...(व्यवधान)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let them lay the Papers..(*Interruptions*) It is not proper. It is not proper....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: The report must be withdrawn. ..(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing it. I am not allowing it, please.